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SUBJ: MINTOFF WINS MALTESE ELECTION

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1. INCOMPLETE RETURNS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17-18 MALTESE ELECTION INDICATE THAT PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S MALTA LABOR PARTY HAS WON A CLOSE, BUT DECISIVE VICTORY OVER THE OPPOSITION NATIONALIST PARTY.

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2. THE FINAL TOTAL POPULAR VOTE IS EXPECTED TO BE

APPROXIMATELY 52 PERCENT FOR LABOR AND 48 PERCENT NATIONALIST. UNDER MALTA'S PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM, THIS WILL TRANSLATE INTO 34 LABOR SEATS AND 31 NATIONALIST SEATS IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT. GIVEN MINTOFF'S DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, AND THE TRADITION IN MALTA OF UNWAVERING PARTY LOYALTY IN PARLIAMENTARY VOTES, SUCH A THREE-SEAT MAJORITY WILL BE MUCH MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF A STRONG LABOR GOVERNMENT DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

3. COMMENT: THERE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE TURNOUT AT THE POLLS, WITH SOME 95 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS CASTING THEIR BALLOTS, AND THE ELECTION WAS CARRIED OUT IN APPARENT FAIRNESS AND WITHOUT MAJOR DISTURBANCES OR VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. THE LABORITES ARE ALREADY CELEBRATING, EVEN THOUGH THE FINAL RESULTS INDICATING WHICH CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN ELECTED MAY NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS. IT WAS CLOSE, BUT IN THE SHOWDOWN, MINTOFF CLEARLY BESTED GIORGIO BORG OLIVIER AND THE NATIONALISTS IN WHAT MUST BE CONSIDERED A PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR HIM. SMITH

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